# Trends in **Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths**

In Indiana, 1990-2006

# **Evidence of Recent Change in Classification or Reporting**

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## **Executive Summary**

#### **Background**

Indiana's high infant mortality rate due to accidental suffocation deaths during 1999 to 2004 made Indiana second in the nation for highest rate, created much concern in Indiana's public health community, and lead to further investigation of the trends in accidental suffocation deaths in Indiana which is reflected in this report.

#### **Purpose of study**

The purpose of this report is to assess trends in various causes of sudden unexpected infant deaths (SUIDs) including sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), other SUIDs (accidental suffocation and strangulation, intent unknown suffocation, neglect, abandonment, and maltreatment syndromes), and unknown cause. This report also examines the variations in distribution of SUIDs among five major Indiana counties.

#### Method

Yearly infant mortality rates are presented for SIDS, other SUIDs, and unknown cause using the Indiana mortality data for all infant deaths between 1990 and 2006. Years were combined into 1990-1994, 1995-1998, 1999-2002, and 2003-2006 to yield more stable rates. Moreover, the two periods of 1990-1994 and 1995-1998 represent the years prior to and immediately after launching "Back to Sleep" campaign, the 1999-2002 period represents the years after changing to ICD-10 coding system, and the 2003-2006 period represents the most recent data available. Distribution of SUIDs deaths in five Indiana counties are reported for the combined years of 1999-2006.

#### **Results and Discussion**

Between 1990 and 1998, as SIDS rates declined in Indiana, so did rates due to combined SIDS, other SUIDs, and unknown cause; thereafter, SIDS rates continued to decline whereas the combined rates of SIDS, other SUIDs, and unknown cause did not, a pattern also reported at the national level.

Between 1995-1998 and 1999-2002, SIDS rate in Indiana declined by 39 percent whereas rates for unknown cause and accidental suffocation increased by 67 and 106 percents, respectively. Recent studies on national data produced similar results and provided evidence that most of the decline in SIDS and increase in accidental suffocation rates after 1998 is due to shifts in reporting or classification of deaths from SIDS to accidental suffocation and to unknown cause rather than a true change.

The recent shift observed in Indiana and nationwide may partly be explained by change to ICD-10 coding system, by improved death scene investigations, and/or by higher awareness of investigators in regards to unsafe sleep environment. Finding an infant

lying on soft bedding face down may be reported as accidental suffocation and strangulation instead of what could have been reported as SIDS in earlier years.

Enormous variation in percent distribution of infant deaths due to SIDS, other SUIDs, and unknown cause among Indiana's five major counties reveals lack of consistency in reporting SUIDs within our state.

#### Indiana's national rankings in SUIDs rates

According to CDC Wonder On-Line Database, between 1990-1994 and 1999-2004:

- SIDS rate declined by 62 percent in Indiana (from 142.2 to 54.3 deaths per 100,000 live births) and by 51 percent nationwide (from 120.3 to 59.4 deaths per 100,000 live births) resulting in Indiana's national ranking of SIDS improving from 20<sup>th</sup> to 35<sup>th</sup>.
- Accidental suffocation rate tripled in Indiana (from 11.5 to 34.6 deaths per 100,000 live births) and doubled in US (from 6.6 to 13.5 deaths per 100,000 live births), making Indiana rank number two for highest rate (among the states with stable rates).
- Indiana's rate of combined deaths due to SIDS, other SUIDs, and unknown cause was above the national average by 14 percent in 1990-1994 and by only 11 percent in 1999-2004 with a relatively stable national ranking of 22<sup>nd</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, respectively.

#### Recommendation

It is recommended that until an agreement on a more standardized approach to certifying SIDS and other SUIDs can be attained, monitoring progress on reducing sudden infant deaths should include observing trends in the broad categories that encompasses SIDS as well as other SUIDs and unknown cause.

#### **Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths (SUIDs)**

Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths (SUIDs) consists of:

1. Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)

**SIDS** is the sudden death of an infant under one year of age which remains unexplained after a thorough case investigation, including performance of a complete autopsy, examination of the death scene, and review of the clinical history. (*Willinger et al, 1991*).

- 2. Other SUIDs
  - a. Accidental Suffocation and Strangulation in Bed (ASSB)
  - b. Other Accidental Suffocation and Strangulations (OAS)
  - c. Intent Unknown Suffocation (IUS)
  - d. Neglect, Abandonment, and other maltreatment syndromes (NAM)

## Introduction

Sudden unexpected infant death (SUID) is any infant death that is unexpected and initially unexplained. Under such circumstances, a cause of death is to be determined after subsequent investigations. Frequently, the majority of SUIDs are later diagnosed as sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS). SIDS is a term that has been used to describe unexpected deaths of an infant when subsequent investigation fail to demonstrate a definite cause of death. Other diagnosis that could fall under the SUIDs category are accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed (ASSB), other accidental suffocation (OAS), intent unknown suffocation (IUS), and neglect, abandonment, and other maltreatment syndromes (NAM).

The concept of SIDS was first proposed in 1969 and defined as "the sudden death of any infant or young child which is unexpected by history, and in which a thorough postmortem examination fails to demonstrate an adequate cause of death." (1, p. 18). Over the following years, the initial concept and definition of SIDS faced controversies and criticism for lack of consistency in requirements of standard definition (2, 3). In 1989, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development convened an expert panel to revisit the issue of SIDS and its definition. The panel proposed that SIDS be defined as "the sudden death of an infant under one year of age, which remains unexplained after a thorough case investigation, including performance of a complete autopsy, examination of the death scene, and review of the clinical history" (4). The new definition restricted the age to under one and made the requirement of a death scene investigation explicit.

In 1996, to improve the scope of the procedures and standardize the quality of information collected and used for diagnosing SUIDs, Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published "Guidelines for Death Scene Investigation of Sudden, Unexplained Infant Deaths" (5) and introduced the Sudden Unexplained Infant Deaths Investigation Report Form (SUIDIRF). A 2001 national survey indicated that SUIDIRF was not widely used because it was poorly organized, lengthy, and cumbersome (6). Moreover, use of the 1996 guidelines and SUIDIRF was not mandated. CDC in partnership with other federal agencies and organization launched an initiative in 2004 to further improve the investigation and reporting of SUIDs. As a result of this initiative, in 2006, CDC released the new Sudden Unexplained Infant Deaths Investigation (SUIDI) Report Form for use by state and local agencies in infant death scene investigations (http://www.cdc.gov/sids/SUID.htm).

Changes in definition of SIDS and in certifiers' interpretation of and adherence to SIDS definitions are believed to have influenced the SIDS rate over the past two decades (1, 4, 7). Moreover, changes between ICD revisions can also have an effect on how deaths are classified and reported (8). Substantial nationwide decline in SIDS rate during the 1990's has mainly been attributed to the marked reduction in prone-sleep prevalence as a result of American Academy of Pediatrics recommendation in 1992 for placing infant supine during sleep and the "Back to Sleep" campaign (9-11).

The apparent decline in SIDS rate since 1999, however, has been suggested to be due to shifts in reporting or classification of death from SIDS to other causes of SUIDs (12-14). Even with a thorough death scene investigation, autopsy, and review of the clinical history and findings, it

can be difficult to distinguish SIDS from other causes of SUIDs such as accidental suffocation and asphyxia (15). A recent study assessing US mortality rates provided more compelling evidence that most of the decline in SIDS rates since 1999 is likely due to increased reporting of cause unknown/unspecified and accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed (ASSB) (16).

According to CDC Wonder On-Line Database (17, 18), between the two periods of 1990-1994 and 1995-1998, SIDS rates declined considerably and accidental suffocation rates increased modestly in Indiana and in the U.S., with higher rates in Indiana compared to the national average (Figures A and B). Between 1995-1998 and 1999-2004, however, accidental suffocation rates increased sharply and to a greater extent in Indiana compared to the national average, making Indiana the second state for highest rate of accidental suffocation deaths in 1999-2004 among 34 states with stable rates.

Indiana's high ranking in infant deaths due to accidental suffocation created much concern in Indiana's public health community and lead to further investigation of the trends in accidental suffocation and SUIDs in Indiana which is reflected in this report. The purpose of this report is to assess trends in sudden unexpected infant deaths (SUIDs) including SIDS, other SUIDs (ASSB, OAS, IUS, and NAM), and unknown or unspecified cause in Indiana using the vital statistics data for all infant deaths between 1990 and 2006, and to compare rates and trends in Indiana with national statistics using the CDC Wonder On-Line Database (17, 18).

### Methods

Indiana data presented in this report were obtained from the death certificates of all infants (under 1 year of age) who were Indiana residents and died between 1990 and 2006. The information obtained was used to analyze trends in cause specific infant mortality rates (number of infant deaths for a specific cause-of-death category per 100,000 live births) attributable to sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), other sudden unexpected infant deaths (SUIDs), and unknown cause (other ill-defined and unspecified cause). Other SUIDs includes accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed (ASSB), other accidental suffocation and strangulation, intent unknown suffocation, and neglect, abandonment, and other maltreatment syndromes.

Cause of death data were derived from the underlying cause of death reported on the death certificate. Codes for cause of death were defined according to *the International Classification of Diseases*, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9) (19) for the 1990 to 1998 period, and the *International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems*, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) (20) for the 1999 to 2006 period. Cause-specific infant mortality rates in Indiana are compared to the national rates obtained from CDC Wonder On-line Database from 1990 to 2004, the latest year for which data is available (17-18).

Yearly infant mortality rates are presented for SIDS and the combined deaths due to other SUIDs and unknown cause. Separate yearly rates for other SUIDs (and its subcategories) and unknown cause were unstable during the 1990's due to the small number of infant deaths (less than 20) reported for each cause during those individual years. Years were combined into 1990-1994, 1995-1998, 1999-2002, and 2003-2006 periods to yield more stable rates. Moreover, the selected combination of years represents the unique historical significance of each time period. The two periods of 1990-1994 and 1995-1998 represent the years prior to and immediately after launching "Back to Sleep" campaign in October of 1994, respectively. The years 1999-2002 represent the years after changing to ICD-10 coding system and 2003-2006 represent the most recent data available.

Infant mortality rates due to SIDS, other SUIDs and unknown cause and percent distribution of infant deaths among these causes are presented for five major counties (Allen, Elkhart, Lake, Marion, and St. Joseph) for the combined years of 1999-2006 to examine variations among the major Indiana counties.

## **Results and Discussion**

Trend in yearly infant mortality rates due to SIDS in Indiana between 1990 and 2006 reveals a consistent decline between 1993 and 2002 whereas mortality rates due to combined SIDS, other SUIDs, and unknown cause ceased to decline past 1998 (Table 1, Figure 1). Between 1998 and 2002, SIDS rate decreased by 36 percent (from 74.1 to 47.1 deaths per 100,000 live births) while combined rates due to other SUIDs and unknown cause increased by 82 percent (from 38.8 to 70.7 deaths per 100,000 live births); thereafter, SIDS rate had an upward trend (between 2004 and 2006) whereas rates due to other SUIDs and unknown cause declined. This pattern indicates that after 1998, as SIDS rate changed, the combined rates of other SUIDs and unknown cause changed in an opposite and reciprocal manner resulting in a relatively stable mortality rates due to the combined rates of SIDS, other SUIDs and unknown cause (Table 1, Figures 1-2).

Between the two periods of 1990-1994 and 1995-1998 in Indiana, SIDS rate declined by 34 percent, rates for other SUIDs and unknown cause increased by 20 and 13 percent, respectively, and rate for all of the above causes combined declined by 26 percent (Table 2, Figure 3). Between 1995-1998 and 1999-2002, SIDS rate continued to decline by another 39 percent whereas rates for other SUIDs and unknown cause increased by 86 and 67 percent, respectively, resulting in a negligible decline (8 percent) in rate for all causes combined (SIDS, other SUIDs, and unknown cause). The sharp increase in SUIDs rate in Indiana between 1995-1998 and 1999-2002 (from 21.5 to 40.1 deaths per 100,000 live births) is mainly due to the increases in accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed (ASSB) (by 111 percent, from 7.2 to 15.1 deaths per 100,000 live births) and other accidental suffocation and strangulation (by 101 percent, from 8.4 to 16.9 deaths per 100,000 live births) (Table 2, Figure 4). The declining trends in the combined rates of SIDS, other SUIDs, and unknown cause closely resembled that of the SIDS rate until 1998 but not thereafter; SIDS rate continued to decline noticeably after 1998 while the combined rate did not.

A similar pattern of decline in SIDS rate, increase in other SUIDs (especially in accidental suffocation and strangulation) and unknown cause, and unnoticeable change in the combined rate of all these causes observed in Indiana has also been reported at the national level between 1995-1998 and 1999-2001 (16). It was concluded that the more recent decline in SIDS rate and increase in ASSB rates (after 1998) were likely not a true decline in SIDS or increase in ASSB but due to changes in the ways these infant deaths were being reported and classified. Increasing asphyxia deaths rates and falling SIDS rates has raised questions on the reliability of SIDS certification (7). SIDS is defined as "the sudden death of an infant under one year of age which remains unexplained after a thorough case investigation, including performance of a complete autopsy, examination of the death scene, and review of the clinical history" (4, p. 681). According to Beckwith (21), "SIDS remains a diagnosis of exclusion," subject "to the whims of the diagnosing pathologist".

The concomitant increase in accidental suffocation and strangulation and decrease in SIDS rates in recent years in Indiana and nationwide may be explained by improved death scene investigations and more awareness of the investigators as to what constitutes an unsafe sleep environment, including the risk associated with soft sleep surfaces and loose bedding (22-24).

Therefore, finding an infant lying on soft bedding face down may be reported by investigators as accidental suffocation and strangulation instead of what could be reported as SIDS in earlier years.

Compared to national averages (according to CDC Wonder, 17-18), SIDS rates in Indiana were higher in both 1990-1994 (by 18 percent) and 1995-1998 (by 20 percent) but lower in 1999-2004 (by 9 percent), whereas other SUIDs rates were consistently and considerably higher (by 84, 89, and 147 percents, respectively), and rates due to unknown cause were consistently lower (by 52, 39 and 33 percents, respectively) in Indiana throughout these periods. However, when infant mortality rates due to combined SIDS, other SUIDs, and unknown cause were examined and compared to US averages during the above three time periods, rates in Indiana were only 14, 16, and 11 percents higher than the national averages, respectively (Table 4, Figures 6-7). Moreover, Indiana's national ranking for accidental suffocation deaths remained in the top two or three states (for high rates) during 1990-1994, 1995-1998, and 1999-2004 whereas its ranking for SIDS dropped from 20<sup>th</sup> to 35<sup>th</sup> and it ranking based on the combined rates of SIDS, other SUIDs, and unknown cause put Indiana at 22<sup>nd</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> state, respectively.

This study indicates that the recent reports of a shift in classification of sudden and unexpected infant death at the national level (classifying less SIDS and more SUIDs and cause unknown rather than a true change) may have happened to an even greater extent in Indiana as shown by the steeper decline in the reported SIDS rates in Indiana along with the widening gap in the reported accidental suffocation deaths compared to US (Table 3). This shift may be due to changes in the way those investigating infant deaths and certifying the cause-of-death assess, diagnose, and report these deaths.

Even with a thorough death scene investigation, review of the clinical history, and autopsy, SIDS can be difficult to distinguish from other SUIDs, such as accidental suffocation and strangulation (15). The fact that throughout the 1990 to 2004 period Indiana had consistently higher SUIDs rates (as reflected in high national ranking for accidental suffocation deaths), lower unknown cause rates, and similar rates of combined SIDS, SUIDs, and unknown cause compared to the national average points to the possibility that Indiana has been more stringent in reporting unknown cause and recently even more lenient in classifying SUIDs as accidental suffocation rather than SIDS. Greater rate of decline in SIDS rate and increase in accidental suffocation deaths in Indiana compared to US in recent years may have been due to more reluctance of Indiana death certifiers to assign SIDS as the cause of death unless a thorough investigation had been conducted.

It is important to note that there was enormous variations in infant mortality rates and percent distribution of deaths due to SIDS, other SUIDs, and unknown cause among five major Indiana counties (Allen, Elkhart, Lake, Marion, and St. Joseph) (Tables 5 and 6). In the 1999-2006 period, among all infant deaths due to combined causes of SIDS, other SUIDs, and unknown cause, Lake County had the lowest proportion of SIDS deaths (8 percent) followed by Marion County (31 percent), compared to Elkhart (59 percent), St. Joseph (62 percent), and Allen counties (81 percent); in contrast, Lake County had a considerably higher proportion of ASSB deaths (62 percent) compared to other four counties (8-13 percents) (Table 6, Figure 8).

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention initiated the Sudden, Unexplained Infant Death Initiative in 2004 to standardize data collection at infant death scenes and to improve the reporting of cause of death on death certificates. It is recommended that until agreement on a more standardized approach to certifying sudden infant death can be attained, monitoring progress on reducing sudden infant death should include observing trends in the broad categories that encompasses SIDS as well as SUIDs and unknown cause.

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Table 1. Infant mortality rates for sudden infant death syndrom (SIDS), other sudden unexpected infant deaths (SUIDs), and unknown cause: Indiana,1990-2006

								Infant	mortality	rate							
Cause of death								(per 100	,000 live	births)							
(ICD-9 / ICD-10 code)	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
SIDS (798.0 / R95)	139.5	143.5	143.9	151.6	132.1	100.1	104.6	97.1	74.1	62.0	62.7	58.1	47.1	47.5	48.2	56.3	62.0
Other SUIDs*				26.3				26.4	27.0	42.1	39.9	33.7	44.8	52.1	44.8	41.3	32.7
Unknown cause (799.9 / R99)												32.5	25.9				
Other SUIDs* and unknown cause combined	29.1	24.5	30.9	35.8	26.7	27.7	27.7	38.4	38.8	49.1	52.5	66.2	70.7	63.7	60.8	49.4	42.8
SIDS, other SUIDs*, and unknown cause combined	168.6	168.0	174.9	187.5	158.7	127.8	132.3	135.5	112.9	111.1	115.2	124.2	117.9	111.1	109.0	105.6	104.8

Note: ICD-9= International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification; ICD-10= International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision; SIDS= Sudden Infant Death Syndrome; SUID= Sudden Unexpected Infant Death

Source: Indiana State Department of Health, Maternal and Children's Special Health Care Services Report: Trends in Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths in Indiana: 1990-2006

<sup>\*</sup>Other SUIDs (Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths) includes accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed; other accidental suffocation and strangulation; intent unknown suffocation; and neglect, abandonment, and other maltreatment syndromes.

<sup>--</sup> Figure does not meet standard of reliability or precision; based on fewer than 20 deaths in the numerator

Table 1. Infant mortality rates for sudden infant death syndrom (SIDS), other sudden unexpected infant deaths (SUIDs), and unknown cause by cause of death and year: Indiana,1990-2006

	Infant mortality rate																
Cause of death								(per 100	,000 live	births)							
(ICD-9 / ICD-10 code)	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
SIDS (798.0 / R95)	139.5	143.5	143.9	151.6	132.1	100.1	104.6	97.1	74.1	62.0	62.7	58.1	47.1	47.5	48.2	56.3	62.0
,	100.0	140.0	140.0	101.0	102.1	100.1	104.0	37.1	7	02.0	02.7	50.1	77.1	47.0	70.Z	50.5	02.0
Other SUIDs*																	
Accidental suffocation and																	
strangulation (E913 / W75-W77, W81-W84)										38.6	33.1	24.4	31.8	41.7	37.9	36.7	31.5
Accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed (E913.0 / W75)										23.4				24.3			23.7
Other accidental suffocation and strangulation (E913.1-E913.9 / W76-										23.4				24.3			23.1
W77, W81-W84)																	
Intent unknown suffocation (E983 / Y20)																	
Neglect, abandonment, and other maltreatment																	
syndromes (E967, E968.4 / Y06-Y07)																	
Unknown cause (799.9 / R99)												32.5	25.9				
Other SUIDs* and unknown cause combined	29.1	24.5	30.9	35.8	26.7	27.7	27.7	38.4	38.8	49.1	52.5	66.2	70.7	63.7	60.8	49.4	42.8
SIDS, other SUIDs*, and unknown cause combined	168.6	168.0	174.9	187.5	158.7	127.8	132.3	135.5	112.9	111.1	115.2	124.2		111.1	109.0	105.6	104.8

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Table 2. Infant mortality rates for sudden infant death syndrom (SIDS), other sudden unexpected infant deaths (SUIDs), and unknown cause, and percent change in rates: Indiana, 1990-1994, 1995-1998, 1999-2002, and 2003-2006

	•	Infant morta	•		% Change in rate					
Cause of death		(per 100,000	live births)		From 1990-1994	From 1995-1998	From 1999-2002			
(ICD-9 / ICD-10 code)	1990-1994	1995-1998	1999-2002	2003-2006	to 1995-1998	to 1999-2002	to 2003-2006			
SIDS										
(798.0 / R95)	142.2	93.9	57.5	53.5	-34	-39	-7			
Other SUIDs*	19.7	21.5	40.1	42.7	9	86	6			
Accidental suffocation and strangulation										
(E913 / W75-W77, W81-W84))	11.6	15.5	32.0	36.9	34	106	16			
Accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed (E913.0 / W75)	6.4	7.2	15.1	22.3	12	111	48			
strangulation (E913.1-E913.9 / W76-W77, W81- W84)	5.2	8.4	16.9	14.6	61	101	-13			
Intent unknown suffocations (E983 / Y20)			7.3	<del></del>						
Neglect, abandonment, and other maltreatment syndromes (E967, E968.4 / Y06-Y07)	7.1									
Unknown cause (799.9 / R99)	9.7	11.7	19.5	11.4	20	67	-41			
Other SUIDs* and unknown cause combined	29.4	33.2	59.6	54.1	13	80	-9			
SIDS, other SUIDs*, and unknown cause combined	171.5	127.0	117.1	107.6	-26	-8	-8			

Note: ICD-9= International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification; ICD-10= International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision; SIDS= Sudden Infant Death Syndrome; SUID= Sudden Unexpected Infant Death

Source: Indiana State Department of Health, Maternal and Children's Special Health Care Services Report: Trends in Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths in Indiana: 1990-2006

<sup>\*</sup>Other SUIDs (Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths) includes accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed; other accidental suffocation and strangulation; intent unknown suffocation; and neglect, abandonment, and other maltreatment syndromes.

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<sup>...</sup> Not applicable

Table 3. Percent distribution of infant deaths due to sudden infant death syndrom (SIDS), other sudden unexpected infant deaths (SUIDs), and unknown cause: Indiana,1990-1994, 1995-1998, 1999-2002, 2003-2006

Cause of death		Pero	ent	
(ICD-9 / ICD-10 code)	1990-1994	1995-1998	1999-2002	2003-2006
SIDS, other SUIDs*, and unknown cause combined	100	100	100	100
SIDS (798.0 / R95)	83	74	49	50
Other SUIDs*	11	17	34	40
Accidental suffocation and strangulation (E913 / W75-W77, W81-W84))	7	12	27	34
Accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed (E913.0 / W75)	4	6	13	21
Other accidental suffocation and strangulation (E913.1-E913.9 / W76-W77, W81-W84)	3	7	14	14
Intent unknown suffocations (E983 / Y20)	1	1	6	3
Neglect, abandonment, and other maltreatment syndromes (E967, E968.4 / Y06-Y07)	4	4	1	2
Unknown cause (799.9 / R99)	6	9	17	11

Note:ICD-10= International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision; SIDS= Sudden Infant Death Syndrome; SUID= Sudden Unexpected Infant Death

<sup>\*</sup>Other SUIDs (Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths) includes accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed; other accidental suffocation and strangulation; intent unknown suffocation; and neglect, abandonment, and other maltreatment syndromes.

Table 4. Infant mortality rates in Indiana and US due to sudden infant death syndrom (SIDS), other sudden unexpected infant deaths (SUIDs), and unknown cause, rate ratios in Indiana relative to US, and national rankings of Indiana: 1990-1994, 1995-1998, and 1999-2004

Cause of death	4000 4004	4005 4000	4000 0004
(ICD-9 / ICD-10 code)	1990-1994	1995-1998	1999-2004
	intant mort	aity rate (per 100,000 Indiana <sup>1</sup>	o live dirths)
SIDS		maiana	
798.0 / R95)	142.2	93.9	54.3
Other SUIDs*	19.7	21.5	42.9
Accidental suffocation and strangulation (E913 / W75-W77, W81-W84))	11.6	15.5	34.6
Jnknown cause 799.9 / R99)	9.7	11.7	17.6
SIDS, other SUIDs*, and unknown cause combined	171.5	127.0	114.7
	Infant mort	aity rate (per 100,000 US <sup>2</sup>	0 live births)
SIDS (798.0 / R95)	120.3	78.5	59.4
Other SUIDs*	10.7	11.4	17.4
Accidental suffocation and strangulation (E913 / W75-W77, W81-W84))	6.6	7.7	13.5
Jnknown cause	00.4	40.0	00.0
799.9 / R99)	20.1	19.2	26.3
SIDS, other SUIDs*, and unknown cause combined	151.1	109.2	103.2
SIDS	K	ate ratio of Indiana <sup>1</sup> /l	JS <sup>2</sup>
798.0 / R95)	1.18	1.20	0.91
Other SUIDs*	1.84	1.89	2.47
Accidental suffocation and strangulation (E913 / W75-W77, W81-W84))	1.76	2.01	2.56
Jnknown cause 799.9 / R99)	0.48	0.61	0.67
SIDS, other SUIDs*, and unknown cause combined		1.16	1.11
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798.0 / R95)	20	22	35
Other SUIDs*	2	2	2
Accidental suffocation and strangulation (E913 / W75-W77, W81-W84))	2	3	2
Jnknown cause			
799.9 / R99)	28	25	26
SIDS, other SUIDs*, and unknown cause combined	22	18	20

Note: ICD-9= International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification; ICD-10= International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision; SIDS= Sudden Infant Death Syndrome; SUID= Sudden Unexpected Infant Death \*Other SUIDs (Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths) includes accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed; other accidental suffocation and strangulation; intent unknown suffocation; and neglect, abandonment, and other maltreatment syndromes.

Source: Indiana State Department of Health, Maternal and Children's Special Health Care Services Report: Trends in Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths in Indiana: 1990-2006

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>According to Indiana vital statistics; <sup>2</sup>According to CDC WONDER (1-2); <sup>3</sup>Among states with stable rates, 1 indicates highest rate.

Table 5. Infant mortality rates for sudden infant death syndrom (SIDS), other sudden unexpected infant deaths (SUIDs), and unknown cause in selected counties: Indiana,1999-2006

Cause of death				rtality rates 00 live births)		
(ICD-10 code)	Allen	Elkhart	Lake	Marion	St. Joseph	All counties
SIDS (R95)	104.4	88.2		38.3	90.8	55.5
(Noo)	104.4	00.2		30.3	30.0	00.0
Other SUIDs*			75.6	77.5		41.4
Accidental suffocation and strangulation (W75-W77, W81-W84))			73.8	56.2		34.5
Accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed (W75)			55.8			18.7
Other accidental suffocation and strangulation (W76-W77, W81-W84)				46.8		15.7
Intent unknown suffocations (Y20)				19.6		5.2
Neglect, abandonment, and other maltreatment syndromes (Y06-Y07)						
Unknown cause (R99)						15.4
Other SUIDs* and unknown cause combined			82.8	85.1		56.8
SIDS, other SUIDs*, and unknown cause combined	128.2	149.6	90.0	123.4	146.0	112.3

Note:ICD-10= International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision; SIDS= Sudden Infant Death Syndrome; SUID= Sudden Unexpected Infant Death

Source: Indiana State Department of Health, Maternal and Children's Special Health Care Services

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Table 6. Percent distribution of infant deaths due to sudden infant death syndrom (SIDS), other sudden unexpected infant deaths (SUIDs), and unknown cause in selected counties: Indiana,1999-2006

Cause of death			Perce	nt		
(ICD-10 code)	Allen	Elkhart	Lake	Marion	St. Joseph	All counties
SIDS, other SUIDs*, and unknown cause combined	100	100	100	100	100	100
SIDS (R95)	81	59	8	31	62	49
Other SUIDs* and unknown cause combined	19	41	92	69	38	51
Other SUIDs*	15	13	84	63	24	37
Accidental suffocation and strangulation (W75-W77, W81-W84))	13	13	82	46	22	31
Accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed (W75)	11	13	62	8	13	17
Other accidental suffocation and strangulation (W76-W77, W81-W84)	2	0	20	38	9	14
Intent unknown suffocations (Y20)	0	0	0	16	0	5
Neglect, abandonment, and other maltreatment syndromes (Y06-Y07)	2	0	2	1	2	2
Unknown cause (R99)	4	28	8	6	13	14

Note:ICD-10= International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision; SIDS= Sudden Infant Death Syndrome; SUID= Sudden Unexpected Infant Death

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Table A-1. Number of infant deaths for sudden infant death syndrom (SIDS), other sudden unexpected infant deaths (SUIDs), and unknown cause: Indiana,1990-2006

Cause of death (ICD-9 / ICD-10 code)	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Live births SIDS	85,991	85,708	84,058	83,755	82,530	82,918	83,157	83,385	85,055	85,489	87,700	86,122	84,839	86,382	87,125	87,088	88,753
(798.0 / R95)	120	123	121	127	109	83	87	81	63	53	55	50	40	41	42	49	55
Other SUIDs* Accidental suffocation and	14	16	15	22	16	15	12	22	23	36	35	29	38	45	39	36	29
strangulation (E913/W75-W77, W81-W84)	7	10	9	11	12	12	9	14	17	33	29	21	27	36	33	32	28
Accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed (E913.0 / W75)	5	6	3	4	9	6	5	8	5	20	15	7	10	21	18	18	21
Other accidental suffocation and strangulation (E913.1-E913.9 / W76-																	
W77, W81-W84)	2	4	6	7	3	6	4	6	12	13	14	14	17	15	15	14	7
Intent unknown suffocation (E983 / Y20) Neglect, abandonment, and other maltreatment	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	3	1	1	6	8	10	7	4	0	0
syndromes (E967, E968.4 / Y06-Y07)	5	5	6	10	4	2	3	5	5	2	0	0	1	2	2	4	1
Unknown cause (799.9 / R99)	11	5	11	8	6	8	11	10	10	6	11	28	22	10	14	7	9
Other SUIDs* and unknown cause combined	25	21	26	30	22	23	23	32	33	42	46	57	60	55	53	43	38
SIDS, other SUIDs*, and unknown cause combined	145	144	147	157	131	106	110	113	96	95	101	107	100	96	95	92	93

Note: ICD-9= International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification; ICD-10= International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision; SIDS= Sudden Infant Death Syndrome; SUID= Sudden Unexpected Infant Death.

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Table A-2. Number of infant deaths for sudden infant death syndroms, other sudden unexpected infant deaths (SUIDs), and unknown cause in selected counties: Indiana,1999-2006

Cause of death	Allana	Ellah a m	Laba	Manian	04 Janaah	All savation
(ICD-10 code)	Allen	Elkhart	Lake	Marion	St. Joseph	All counties
Live births	42,136	26,063	55,580	117,464	30,830	693,498
SIDS (R95)	44	23	4	45	28	385
Other SUIDs*	8	5	42	91	11	287
Accidental suffocation and strangulation (W75-W77, W81-W84))	7	5	41	66	10	239
Accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed (W75)	6	5	31	11	6	130
Other accidental suffocation and strangulation (W76-W77, W81-W84)	1	0	10	55	4	109
Intent unknown suffocations (Y20)	0	0	0	23	0	36
Neglect, abandonment, and other maltreatment syndromes (Y06-Y07)	1	0	1	2	1	12
Unknown cause (R99)	2	11	4	9	6	107
Other SUIDs* and unknown cause combined	10	16	46	100	17	394
SIDS, other SUIDs*, and unknown cause combined	54	39	50	145	45	779

Note:ICD-10= International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision; SIDS= Sudden Infant Death Syndrome; SUID= Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths

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Figure A

# Infant Mortality Rates for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) In Indiana Compared to U.S.

1990-1994, 1995-1998 and 1999-2004

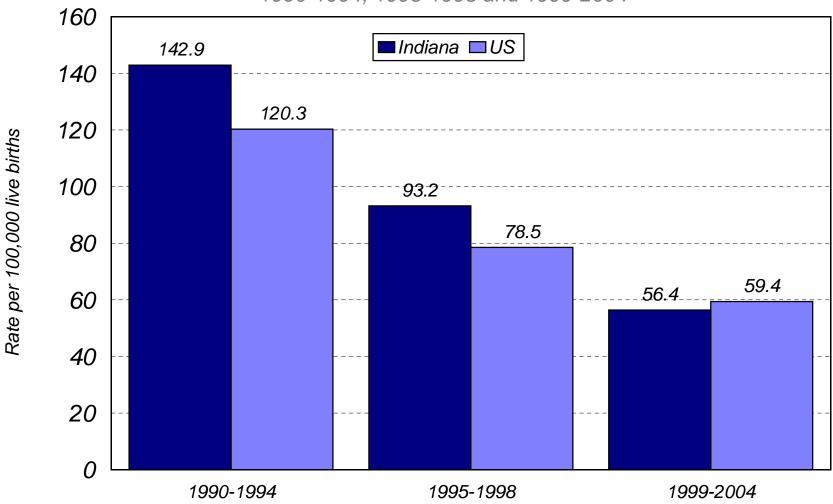


Figure B

# Infant Mortality Rates for Accidental Suffocation In Indiana Compared to U.S.

1990-1994, 1995-1998 and 1999-2004

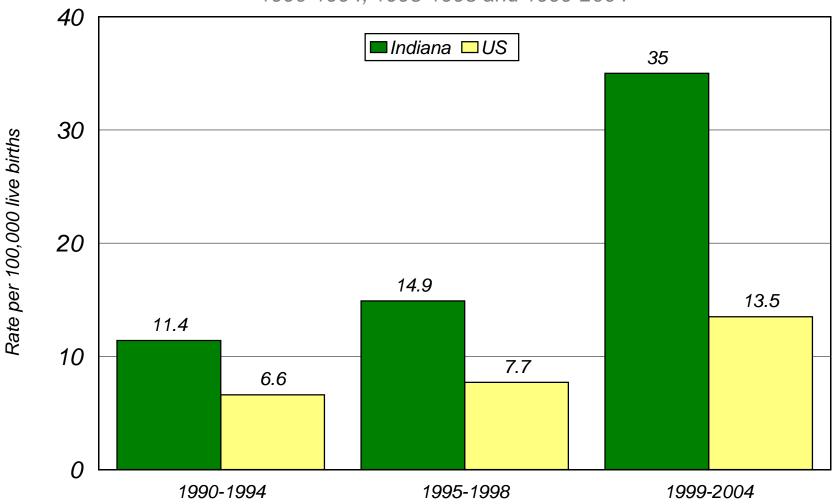
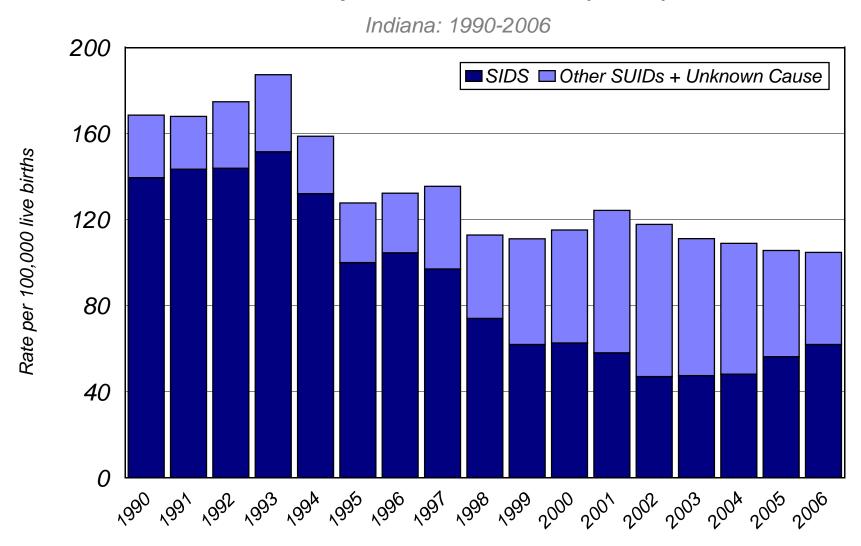


Figure 1

# Trends in Infant Mortality Rates for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and Combined Other Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths (SUIDs) and Unknown Cause



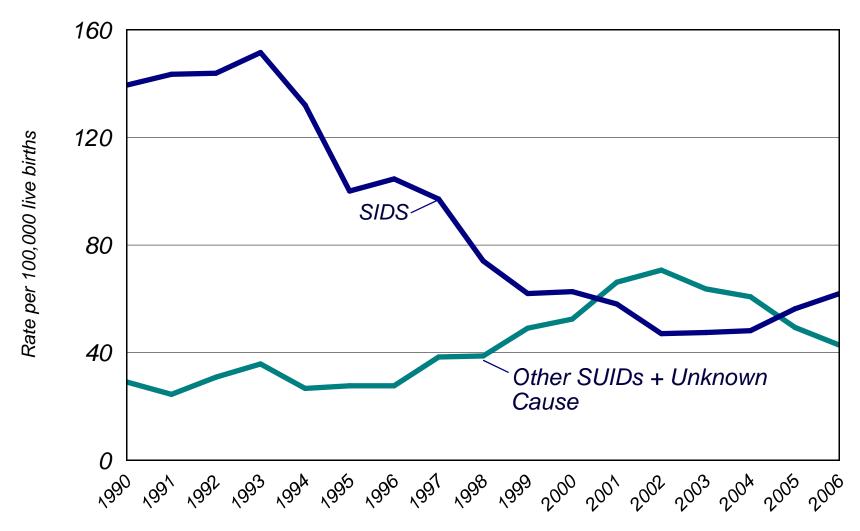
Note: Other SUIDs includes accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed; other accidental suffocation and strangulation; intent unknown suffocation; and neglect, abandonment, and other maltreatment syndromes.

Source: Indiana State Department of Health, Maternal and Children's Special Health Care Services

Figure 2

# Infant Mortality Rates for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and Combined Other Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths (SUIDs) and Unknown Cause

Indiana: 1990-2006



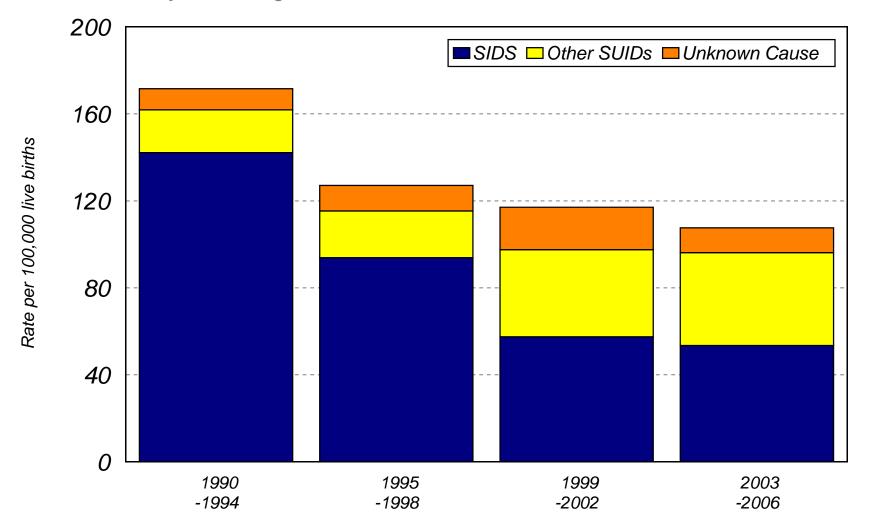
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Source: Indiana State Department of Health, Maternal and Children's Special Health Care Services

Figure 3

# Infant Mortality Rates for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), Other Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths (SUIDs), and Unknown Cause

Combined-year Averages, Indiana: 1990-1994, 1995-1998, 1999-2002, 2003-2006

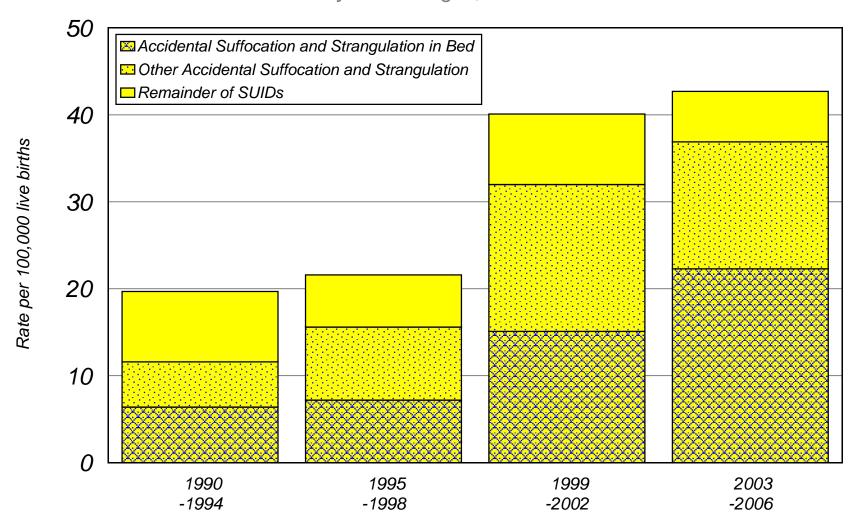


Note: Other SUIDs includes accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed; other accidental suffocation and strangulation; intent unknown suffocation; and neglect, abandonment, and other maltreatment syndromes.

Source: Indiana State Department of Health, Maternal and Children's Special Health Care Services

## **Infant Mortality Rates for Other SUIDs**

Combined-year Averages, Indiana: 1990-2006



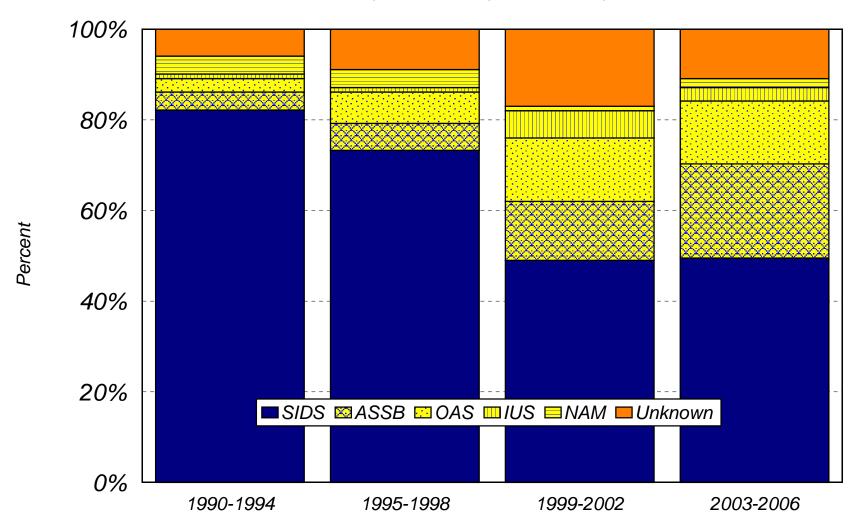
Note: Other SUIDs includes accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed; other accidental suffocation and strangulation; intent unknown suffocation; and neglect, abandonment, and other maltreatment syndromes.

Source: Indiana State Department of Health, Maternal and Children's Special Health Care Services

Figure 5

# Percent Distribution of Infant Deaths Due to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), Other Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths (SUIDs), and Unknown Cause

Indiana: 1990-1994, 1995-1998, 1999-2002, 2003-2006



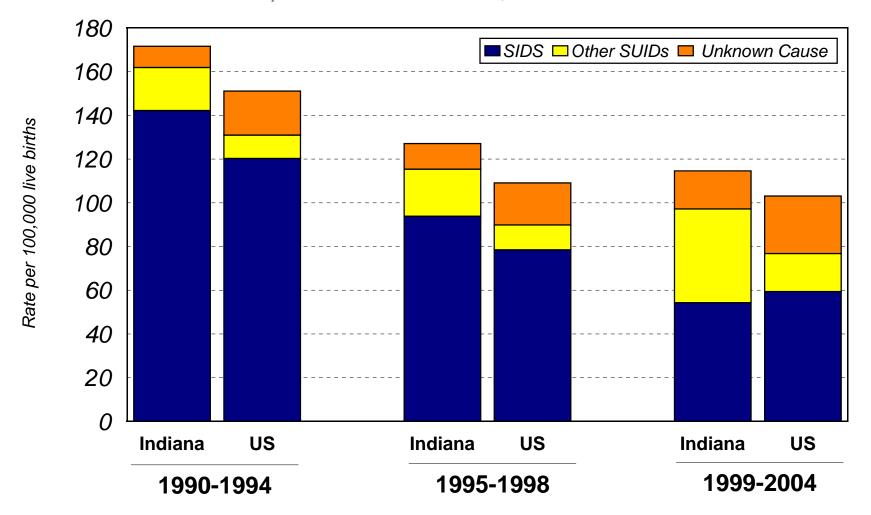
Note: Other SUIDs includes accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed (ASSB); other accidental suffocation and strangulation (OAS); intent unknown suffocation (IUS); and neglect, abandonment, and other maltreatment syndromes (NAM).

Source: Indiana State Department of Health, Maternal and Children's Special Health Care Services

Figure 6

# Infant Mortality Rates for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), Other Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths (SUIDs), and Unknown Cause

Indiana Compared to US: 1990-1994, 1995-1998 and 1999-2004



Note: Other SUIDs includes accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed; other accidental suffocation and strangulation; intent unknown suffocation; and neglect, abandonment, and other maltreatment syndromes.

Source: Indiana State Department of Health, Maternal and Children's Special Health Care Services

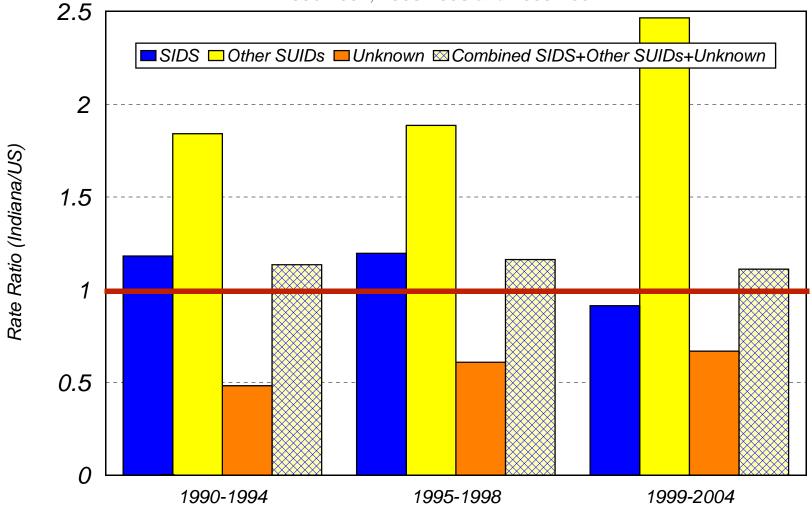
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US data derived from CDC WONDER On-line data base, accessed at http://wonder.cdc.gov/cmf-icd-9.html and http://wonder.cdc.gov/cmf-icd-10.html

Figure 7

# Rate Ratios of Infant Mortality in Indiana Relative to US for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), Other Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths (SUIDs), Unknown Cause, and All Combined

1990-1994, 1995-1998 and 1999-2004



Note: Other SUIDs includes accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed; other accidental suffocation and strangulation; intent unknown suffocation; and neglect, abandonment, and other maltreatment syndromes.

Source: Indiana State Department of Health, Maternal and Children's Special Health Care Services

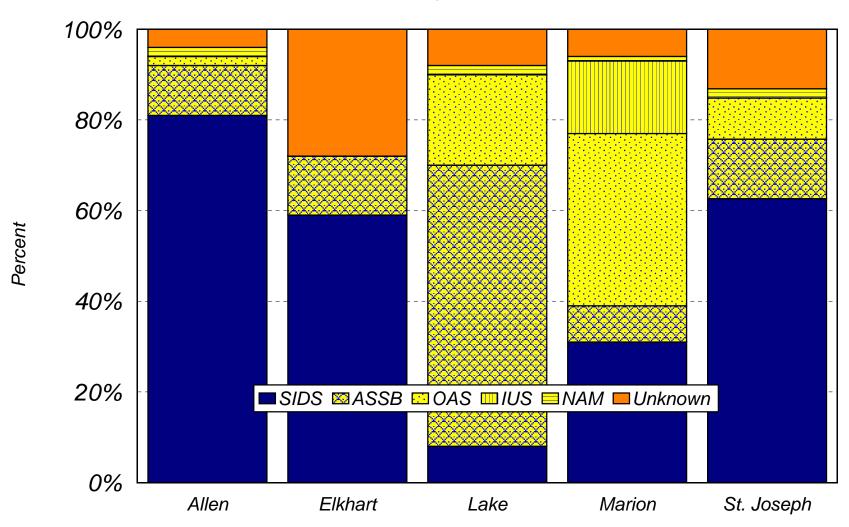
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Figure 8

# Percent Distribution of Infant Deaths Due to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), Other Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths (SUIDs), and Unknown Cause

Selected Counties, Indiana: 1999-2006



Note: Other SUIDs includes accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed (ASSB); other accidental suffocation and strangulation (OAS); intent unknown suffocation (IUS); and neglect, abandonment, and other maltreatment syndromes (NAM).

Source: Indiana State Department of Health, Maternal and Children's Special Health Care Services